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Dear Collector

Let me begin this preview of our stamp offerings for 2021 by wishing you a Happy New Year.

I want to thank you for your continued support and loyalty during the past year, which was a challenging time for all concerned, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I am delighted to announce that we have a very exciting range of new stamps to be issued during the year ahead. Our first quarter offering previewed in this newsletter features four diverse topics that, we are confident, will appeal to a wide audience.

One of the highlights of our programme each year is our annual 'Love' stamp, which is due for issue on January 28, 2021. Last year's stamp proved to be highly popular. Consequently, we decided to build upon and adapt its design to create another attractive offering for 2021 that should have wide appeal for wedding invitations and many other personal greetings.

Turn to Page 8 to find out more about the Love stamp, including details of how you can add that extra sparkle to your envelope greeting when using the stamp!

A week earlier, on January 21, we will unveil a special stamp to mark the centenary of the birth of the world-renowned Irish artist, Patrick Scott. Born in Kilbrittain, County Cork, Scott's artistic career took off when he won a National Prize at the Guggenheim International Award and represented Ireland at the Venice Biennale.

What makes this stamp extra special is that the design features one of Scott's iconic paintings, thus enabling people to possess and appreciate a tiny item of high-quality artwork. Find out more about this aspect and the achievements of Scott, who died in 2014, on Page 6.

We mark a highly significant milestone in Irish church-state relationships on January 7 when we issue a special stamp recalling the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland 150 years ago.

The Irish Church Act, introduced by the Liberal Prime Minister, William Gladstone, came into effect on January 1, 1871. It resulted in the dissolving of the union between Church and State in Ireland that had existed since the 16th century Reformation.

Turn to Page 5 to read about the significance of this event and the artistic work in a Cork Church of Ireland Cathedral that underpins the stamp design.

Our fourth offering for Q1, 2021 celebrates one word that, in many ways, epitomises our unique national characteristic. In a continuation of our 'Stamp for Ireland' series, we focus on a design that centres on the Gaelic word, 'Fáilte' or 'Welcome' in English.

Using this stamp to communicate with people abroad during the coming year will serve to further enhance our global reputation as a welcoming nation. Turn to Page 10 to find out more about how the 'Fáilte' stamp, to be issued on February 18, can embellish such communications.

Finally, we look forward to maintaining and developing close contact with stamp collectors and other customers as we begin a New Year of hope and promise for our nation.

Melanie Stanford, An Post Stamps

News and Information

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2023

Collectors, please remember we are interested in getting your suggestions for the Stamp Suggestion Programme 2023. If you have any ideas or topics that you'd like to be considered simply send it to us at: **pac@anpost.ie**

You can also forward your suggestions to:

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2023
An Post
1st Floor, GPO, O'Connell Street
Freepost, Dublin 1
D01 F5P2.

The closing date for receipt of suggestions is the end of April 2021.

2021 Stamp Programme

This year's Stamp Programme has been carefully put together by our Philatelic Department and consists of 15 issues for you to add to your respective collections. While it may be subject to change throughout the year I'm sure you'll agree, there's something for everyone in 2021.

Date	Description	Stamps
07-Jan	Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland	1
21-Jan	Patrick Scott, HRHA (b.1921) Meditation Painting 28	1
28-Jan	Love	1
18-Feb	A Stamp for Ireland	1
04-Mar	Jane, Lady Wilde (b.1821)	1
11-Mar	For People For Planet (Ireland's Sustainability)	2
15-Apr	Ice Men (Irish Antarctic Explorers)	4
06-May	EUROPA: Endangered National Wildlife	2
13-May	Irish Singer Songwriters at Glastonbury	4
10-Jun	Ireland's Pride Movement	2
1-Jul	GAA - Put your stamp on the game	4
8-Jul	Truce between the IRA and Crown forces (1921)	2
07-Oct	Gaiety Theatre: 150 Years	4
04-Nov	Christmas	6
02-Dec	The Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921	2

Notice to Collectors:

Due to Covid-19 and for hygiene reasons, all stamps printed in 2021 will be on self-adhesive sheets, there will be no B plates printed. Also, the format of the FDC's will change, all the 'insert card' information will now be printed on the back of the envelope.

2020 An Post Yearbooks

2020 AN POST YEARBOOK
Code 20YB **Price €80.00**

The 2020 An Post Year book is a very special edition providing a unique insight into the design of the 11 stamp issues during the year and is one of the highlights of our annual stamp products for 2020.

2020 SPECIAL LUXURY EDITION YEARBOOK
Code 20YBS **Price €235.00**

A special luxury edition of the Yearbook, featuring gold embossing and edging, and covered in full sheep's leather with a matching leather slip case, is also available. Hand finished by skilled crafts personnel, only 80 copies are produced, priced at €235.

2020 AN POST YEARPACK
Code 20YP **Price €46.00**

Our 2020 Yearpack offers the opportunity to collectors to obtain all our commemorative stamps issued during the year in one high-quality publication.

2020 FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTION
Code 20FDCYP **Price €80.00**

The 2020 First Day Cover Collection is a wonderful opportunity to acquire, in one publication, every commemorative FDC issued during the year.

Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland

DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
FDC Code 2101FDC **Price €2.50**

DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
'N' RATE STAMP Code 2101N **Price €1.00**

January 1, 2021 marks the 150th anniversary of the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland, resulting in the dissolving of the union between Church and State in Ireland that had existed since the 16th century Reformation. We mark this important milestone by issuing a special stamp on January 7.

The disestablishment removed the status of a state church in Ireland. Previously, the laws of the Established Church were the laws of the land and imposed by the courts. In the 17th and early 18th centuries, Roman Catholics and Dissenters were subjected to stringent Penal Laws that barred them from political life and restricted religious practice. However, they were compelled to pay tithes, a tax to support the ministry of the Established Church.

The Irish Church Act, introduced by the Liberal Prime Minister, William Gladstone, received Royal assent on July 26, 1869, and came into effect on January 1, 1871.

Did you know?

The census returns in 1861 (which were destroyed shortly after being taken) strengthened the move towards disestablishment. They confirmed that the Established Church comprised only 12% of the population and did not constitute a majority in a single Irish county.

The disestablishment of the Church of Ireland led to its transition from being a privileged minority to being a confident and influential minority down through the years.

The stamp design is based on the sun, moon and stars panel from what the experts describe as 'the Creation wheel window' in The Cathedral of Saint Fin Barre in Cork, with the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral.

The watercolour paintings in the Cathedral's 74 windows feature the work of William Burges, who was awarded first prize in the architectural competition to rebuild St Fin Barre's cathedral in Cork in 1863, and Horatio Walter Lonsdale.

Technical Specifications	
Date of Issue	January 7, 2021
Value and Quantity	N (122k)
Design	Vermillion Design
Stamp Size	30mm x 40.5mm
Paper	TR 195gsm Self-Adhesive
Colour	Multicolour plus mid blue (PMS 308) and bright blue (PMS 631) with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

Centenary of the birth of Patrick Scott, HRHA

PATRICK SCOTT, HRHA (B.1921)
SOUVENIER SHEET Code 2102MS Price €7.00

A special treat awaits stamp collectors and lovers of art when we issue a stamp on January 21 to mark the centenary of the birth of noted Irish artist, Patrick Scott. The stamp honours the distinguished career of the Kilbrittain, County Cork-born artist, whose works have been exhibited worldwide and feature in many public and private collections.

While honouring the stellar career of Scott, the stamp also affords people a rare opportunity to possess small items of high-quality artwork, as the design features two of his distinctive works.

The 'Meditation Painting 28' on the stamp encourages the viewer to contemplate the link between the physical and metaphysical world. The medium used by Scott for this painting was gold leaf and acrylic on unprimed canvas. He also used this technique in creating the second painting, 'Gold Painting 21c. 1975', which is included in the Souvenir sheet accompanying the stamp.

Be sure not to miss out on this very special opportunity to possess and admire the brilliant creations of one of Ireland's greatest artists.

Scott is recognised as one of the first exponents of pure abstraction in Irish art and a significant contributor to the development of modernist design in Ireland.

An honorary member of the Royal Hibernian Academy of Art and elected a Saoi of Aosdána in 2007, Patrick Scott died in Dublin in 2014 (aged 93) and donated his body to science.

Did you know?

Patrick Scott originally trained as an architect, studying architecture at University College Dublin before going on to work with the architect, Michael Scott in 1945. He painted in his spare time up to 1960, when he focused fully on his artistic work, having won a National Prize at the Guggenheim International Award and represented Ireland at the Venice Biennale.

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	January 21, 2021
Value and Quantity	€7 Souvenir Sheet (30k)
Artist	Patrick Scott
Design	Design HQ
Size	Stamp: 31.5mm x 55.1mm Souvenir Sheet: 204mm x 142mm
Paper	TR 102gms PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour plus cold silver foil and matt varnish with phosphor tagging
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

An Post's fifteenth consecutive year of Love and Marriage

This year's Love and Marriage Stamp Design features a graphic of the word 'Love' with a Love Hearts sweet superimposed as the letter 'O'. To give it a distinctive Irish identity, the word 'GRÁ', meaning 'LOVE' in Irish, is written on the sweet.

Both Stamp and Booklet are available for purchase at Post Offices nationwide or online at anpost.com/shop from January 28.

Turn to the next page to see all this information and more!

Love

Stamp enthusiasts and the general public can look forward with eager anticipation to our 2021 issue of the highly popular Love and Marriage Stamp on January 28 that contains a number of attractive features. This is the ideal accompaniment to adorn wedding stationery posted in Ireland, while the versatile stamp is also suitable for other greeting cards such as Valentine's Day and birthday cards during the year.

The design for the 2021 stamp was strongly influenced by that used for this year's stamp, because the latter was so well received as a message of love on personal post at a time when people experienced the effects of Covid-19.

The design features a graphic of the word 'Love' with a Love Hearts Sweet superimposed as the letter 'O'. To give it a distinctive Irish identity, the word 'GRÁ', meaning 'LOVE', in Irish, is written on the sweet.

Look out for another appealing aspect to the new stamp - a small heart shaped sticker is included in a decorative sparkle foil with the stamp booklet. This can be lifted out and stuck to the outer envelope to create a more unique look.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE
STRIP OF 2 Code 2103SAS **Price €2.00**

LOVE AND MARRIAGE
FDC Code 2103FDC **Price €2.50**

LOVE AND MARRIAGE
BOOKLET Code 2103BK **Price €10.00**

Did you know?

'GRÁ' in Irish is a very popular word used by people to address someone that means a lot to them, which highlights the romantic nature of the Gaelic language. The first records of the language being used can be dated back to when Ogham inscriptions were carved into standing stones around 400 AD. Examples of how 'GRÁ' is used include phrases like 'Mo Ghrá Thú' ('You are My Love') and 'A Ghrá mo Chroí' ('My Heart's Beloved') or 'The Love of my Heart'.

Technical Specifications	
Date of Issue	January 28, 2021
Value and Quantities	N (500k booklets) Collectors' strip of 2 (6k)
Design	Design HQ
Stamp Size	31.75mm x 31.75mm
Paper	Arconvert 246gsm Self-Adhesive
Colour	Red (PMS 485), Green (PMS 7480) and black with Kurz SB Stella foil and phosphor
Make-up	Booklet of 10 Collectors' strip of 2
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

Stamp for Ireland

STAMP FOR IRELAND
'W' RATE STAMP Code 2104W **Price €1.70**

STAMP FOR IRELAND
SHEETLET Code 2104W **Price €27.20**

What better way for Irish people to send greetings or communications to family, friends or business contacts abroad than to use our 'Stamp for Ireland' offering for 2021?

Due for issue on February 18, the stamp features a graphic that focuses on the Gaelic word 'Fáilte' or 'Welcome' in English, together with numbers that relate to the famous Gaelic saying, 'Céad Míle Fáilte'. The latter translates as 'one hundred thousand welcomes', which is a greeting that reflects Ireland's global reputation as a nation that extends a warm welcome to tourists, businesspeople and other international travellers.

Recipients of your correspondence will get an instant indication of its origins from the 'Fáilte' stamp that adorns the envelope. Why not consider also using this evocative greeting in the lead up to our national holiday? It would embellish all Saint Patrick's Day greetings and be a nice way to stay in touch, while 'sending love' from Ireland around the world in these uncertain times.

STAMP FOR IRELAND
FDC Code 2104FDC **Price €3.20**

Did you know?

The earliest use of the greeting, 'Céad Míle Fáilte', is reputedly attributed to an Irish-born novelist and socialite, Lady Sydney Morgan, (ca 1780-86 - 1859). Raised in Dublin, she was the daughter of celebrated Irish actor and nationalist, Robert Owenson, and Jane Hill from Shropshire. As a successful Anglo-Irish romantic writer, she fostered ethnic pride in Irish culture.

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	February 18, 2021
Value and Quantity	W (300k)
Design	The Stone Twins
Stamp Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR 195gsm Self Adhesive
Colour	Light Grey (PMS 7527), Silver (PMS 877) and Gold (PMS 872) with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

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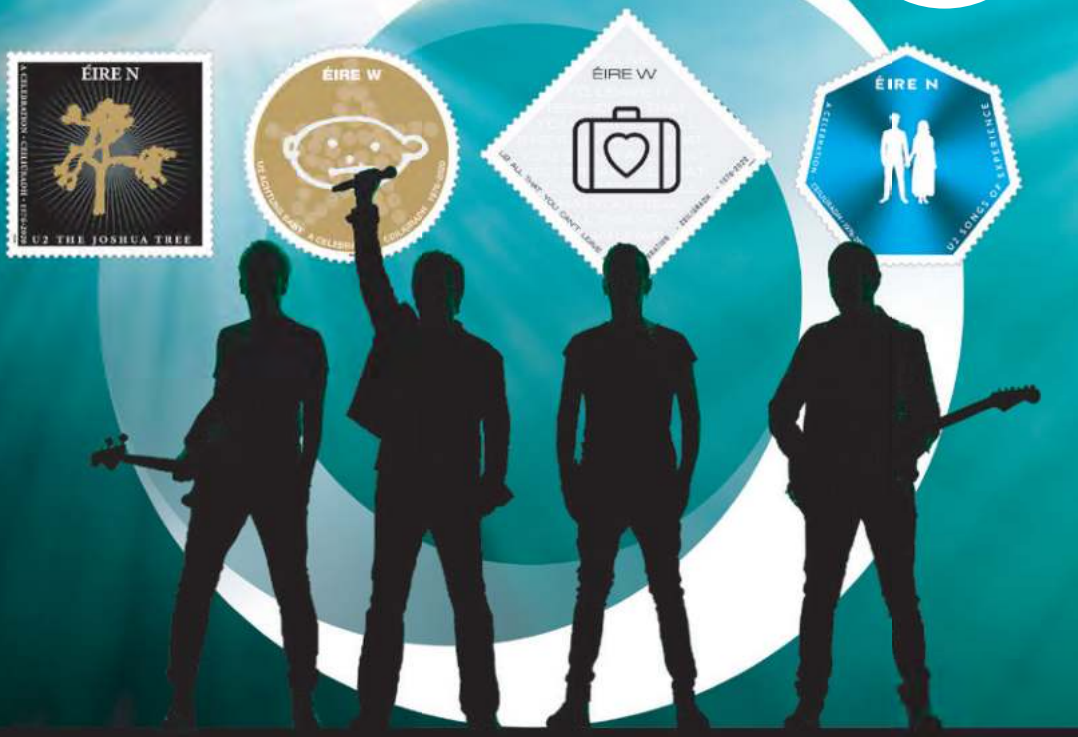

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2	21/01/2021	**Patrick Scott, HRHA (b.1921) Meditation Painting 28 born 24th January** (Souvenier Sheet)	2102MS	EA		€7.00	
3	28/01/2021	**Love and Marriage** (Booklet of 10)	2103BK	EA		€10.00	
3	28/01/2021	**Love and Marriage Collectors** (Strip of 2)	2103SAS	EA		€2.00	
3	28/01/2021	**Love and Marriage** (FDC)	2103FDC	EA		€2.50	
4	18/02/2021	**Stamp for Ireland** ('W' Rate Stamp)	2104W	EA		€1.70	
4	18/02/2021	**Stamp for Ireland** (Sheetlet)	2104W	SH		€27.20	
4	18/02/2021	**Stamp for Ireland** (FDC)	2104FDC	EA		€3.20	
5	09/11/2020	**2020 An Post Yearbook**	20YB	EA		€80.00	
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